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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT [REDACTED] 25X1TOPIC 1. Military Activities at Posts of the Second Gds Meoz Army
2. New Weapons in HandgunEVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 28 January 1955 25X1REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 5 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. At about 8:00 on 8 January 1955, a train without engine carrying 4 x 100-mm AT guns, 3 x 85-mm AT guns, 6 x 67-mm AT guns, tractors, approximately 20 motor vehicles, 2 field kitchens and 10 boxcars loaded with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was seen on a siding of the Dallgow-Doberitz railroad station.
2. At 1500 on 9 January, the artillery units which had been entrained at Dallgow-Doberitz on 5 January, were unloaded. Materiel and soldiers observed included 6 x 152-mm field howitzers, 6 x 100-mm AT guns towed by Shts-Neti prime movers, 6 x 76-mm field guns, approximately 44 trucks, 4 field kitchens and 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Subsequently, the detrained units left for Olympisches Dorf (2067) in Doberitz. All components of the artillery brigade totaling 2,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia were assembled there. The brigade was under the command of one Colonel Titov (fnu) (phonetic spelling). Supply officer was Lieutenant Colonel Boshko, who reportedly was to retire soon. It was learned that his successor Lieutenant Colonel Tsura (fnu) (phonetic spelling) had already arrived.
3. On 10 January, a column of 25 trucks with 12 x 120-mm mortars and approximately 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen on Hamburger Chaussee. The column came from the direction of Altes Lager (2061) in Doberitz and proceeded westward.
4. During the night of 10/13 January, unusually heavy and continuous artillery fire was heard from the depth of the Doberitz training grounds, from the approximate direction of Potsdam.
5. The units from Altes Lager in Doberitz were absent from the camp for night exercises during the night of 9/10 January. In the morning of 10 January, little activity was observed in the installation.

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6. At 0950 on 11 January, 6 x 85-mm AT guns, 14 armored personnel carriers, 11 trucks, 1 radio truck, 1 field kitchen and approximately 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying full field equipment were seen in the Loewen and Adler Kaserne, ready for departure. The column belonged to the unit of Lieutenant Colonel Zurkin. At 0730 on 12 January, almost no activity was observed in the quartering area of this unit.

[redacted] the unit of Major Panyukhin returned from a night exercise in the early morning of 11 January. The same applied to the unit of Lieutenant Colonel Yuppa. In the morning, only little activity was observed in the quartering areas of the two units.⁵

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7. At about 2200 on 4 January, 8 tanks, 18 armored personnel carriers 4 guns of about 100 mm caliber, 2 searchlights, 24 trucks, and 4 sedans of a new type arrived in the Neu-Glienicke area in the southeastern portion of the Wittstock training grounds from the direction of Neuruppin. Tanks and guns took position in Jagen (forest section) Nos 92 and 93. Between noon and 1700 and between 2000 and 2100 on 5 January, firing with tanks and guns was held. After the night firing practice, the searchlights left toward Neuruppin. At 2200 on 6 January, additional tanks, 12 armored personnel carriers and 6 trucks arrived in the Neu-Glienicke area from the direction of Neuruppin. At 0500 on 8 January, all units left toward Neuruppin.

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8. On 10 and 11 January, 6 T-54 tanks and 4 T-34 or T-34/85 tanks [redacted] left the See Kaserne (2203) in Neuruppin toward Kraenzlin. The T-54 tanks were described as follows: 5 large bogie wheels: no track-supporting rollers; 1 drive wheel and 1 idler wheel: turtle-shaped turret, somewhat behind the middle of the tank: long-barreled gun without muzzle brake and somewhat longer than that of a T-34/85 tank but of a similar caliber; rounded mantlet near turret, commander's cupola on the right side of tank, slanting front with searchlights, vertical rear section; the profiles of the tracks were different from those of T-34/85 tanks.⁷

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9. At 1450 on 10 January, 1 x 37-mm AA gun and 1 x 57-mm AA gun [redacted] were seen on Neustaedter Strasse in Neuruppin en route toward Bechlin. The 57-mm AA gun was described as follows: almost horizontal barrel with flash hider, tubular support vertical above the front axle, protective shield similar to that of a 77-mm AA gun.⁸

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10. At 1830 on 12 January, 4 canvas-covered AA guns, more than 20 trucks, including some with billeting equipment and approximately 150 soldiers were entrained at the Neustrelitz railroad station. The shipment left toward Neubrandenburg at 2030.⁹

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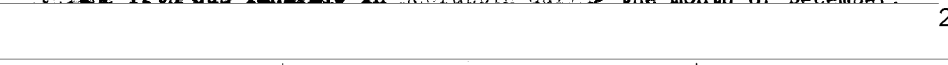
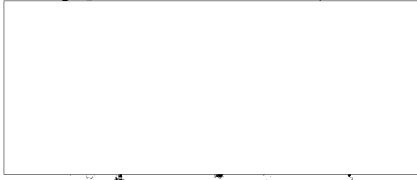
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3. Comment.  elements of the 304th Mort Regt of the 1st Mecz Div were observed. The unit is thus confirmed in Doeberitz until 10 January 1955. 25X1
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